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CRC/C/OPSC/AZE/CO/1	3 Jul 2002	<p>11 March 2012</p> <p>http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fOPSC%2fAZE%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en</p>
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	<p>http://docstore.ohchr.org/SelfServices/FilesHandler.ashx?enc=6QkG1d%2fPPRiCAqhKb7yhsnkKJq%2bDPfPrSem4tEJ9xFPXG%2fyKOQhvwXO1wP1F6%2btz4ndr%2b2t4brr4jSIFhd1TpHz40faHRZyPnBOEI3iv8%2brS4s7BO8jG1q2IR%2b0AhhR7</p> <p>II. Positive aspects</p> <p>The Committee also commends the State party for initiating programmes on the rights of persons with disabilities, such as the State Programme on De-Institutionalization and Alternative Care 2006-2015 and the State Programme on Inclusive Education</p> <p>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</p> <p>B. Specific rights (arts. 5–30)</p> <p>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</p> <p>In its 2012 concluding observations on Azerbaijan (CRC/C/AZE/CO/3-4), para. 34, the Committee on the Rights of the Child expressed deep concern regarding the high rate of infant mortality in the State party, which is allegedly the fifth highest in Europe. Furthermore, that Committee expressed concern that the State party's definition of a live birth is not consistent with the internationally recognized World Health Organization definition. The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reiterates the concerns by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and further expresses concern at the lack of data on the number of children born with disabilities who are affected by the State party's high rate of infant mortality, particularly at how this state of affairs is affecting the birth registration of boys and girls with disabilities.</p> <p>The Committee reiterates the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and requests that the State party expedite their implementation. The Committee further recommends that the State party compile data indicating the number of children born with disabilities who are affected by the high infant mortality rate in the State party. The Committee therefore urges the State party to conduct a study</p>
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		<p>on the mortality of boys and girls with disabilities and to expeditiously step up its efforts to reduce infant mortality, in accordance with the implementation of the World Health Organization definition of a live birth.</p> <p>Liberty and security of the person and freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (arts. 14 and 15)</p> <p>The Committee is concerned that the law permits the deprivation of liberty on the basis of disability and provides for involuntary hospitalization and forced institutionalization of children and adults with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities. The Committee is particularly concerned at reports of poor health care in such places.</p> <p>The Committee urges the State party to repeal laws and prohibit disability - based detention of children and adults with disabilities , including involuntary hospitalization and forced institutionalization , and ensure that all relevant legislation and policies in this area are in line with the Convention . It should also develop support services in the community and accelerate deinstitutionalization strategies based on the human rights model of disability in consultation with organizations of persons with disabilities .</p> <p>Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)</p> <p>The Committee is concerned that, notwithstanding the State party's efforts to implement the State Programme on De-Institutionalisation and Alternative Care 2006-2015 and to reduce the number of people living in institutions, the level of institutionalization remains high, particularly among children. The Committee is particularly concerned at the lack of information on the promotion of independent living for persons with intellectual disabilities instead of their institutionalization in psychiatric institutions.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the State party step up the implementation of its de-institutionalization programme strategies with a view to promoting community - based services and supporting independent living. The Committee further recommends that the State party ensure that social assistance programmes provide sufficient financial assistance to facilitate independent living in the community.</p>
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	<p>Respect for home and family (art. 23)</p> <p>The Committee is concerned about existing laws that prevent persons with specific forms of disability from adopting children and having a family.</p> <p>The Committee urges the State party to repeal all existing legislation that prevents persons with disabilities from adopting children and provide a new legislative framework that includes support for parenting.</p> <p>The Committee also expresses its concern about the legislation in force in the State party which allows the parents of a newborn boy or girl to place him/her in the custody of the State solely on the basis of his/her disability, without taking into account the best interests of the child. The Committee is further concerned that legislation in the State only allows for the adoption of children who are under five years old, which limits their rights under article 23.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the State party prohibit the placement by their fathers and mothers of newborn boys and girls with disabilities in the custody of the State solely on the basis of their disability. It further recommends that prohibition be complemented by the strengthening of support measures to enable mothers and fathers to take care of their children with disabilities, and that in those cases in which the possibility of placement is considered as a measure of protection, the best interests of the child should be duly respected. Furthermore, the Committee urges the State party to increase the age limit for adoption purposes.</p> <p>Education (art. 24)</p> <p>The Committee is concerned that children with disabilities continue to be placed in special boarding and other specialized schools.</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the State party:</p>
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		<p>(a) Step up efforts to provide inclusive education and reasonable accommodation in schools and other learning institutions by providing, inter alia, assistive technology and support in classrooms, accessible and adapted educational materials and curricula , a s well as accessible school environments;</p> <p>(b) Allocate sufficient financial and human resources to implement the State Programme on Inclusive Education;</p> <p>(c) Step up efforts to provide quality training for teachers , including teachers with disabilities , in the use of Braille and sign language with a view to enhancing the education of all categories of children with disabilities , including deaf and hard - of - hearing girls and boys ; and ensure that inclusive education i s an integral part of core teacher training in universities;</p> <p>(d) Conduct research into the effectiveness of the current inclusive education programme and the extent to which accessibility standards are being complied with in the State party; and</p> <p>(e) Include in its next periodic report data , disaggregated by academic year, sex and disability as well as region, on the number of inclusive schools that have enrolled students with disabilities.</p>
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Acronyms and Abbreviations:

CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review